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LOK SABHA

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VIOLATION OF LICENCE CONDITIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) has written to Government alleging violation of licence conditions by MTNL on Delhi-Mumbai traffic;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) The cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) has alleged that it appears to them that Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) is taking its own Long Distance Traffic between Delhi and Mumbai as if they have direct connectivity between these two service areas. COAI has requested to consider extending this facility to the private service providers.

(c) It is to mention that as per existing guidelines, connectivity between two telecom service areas is permitted only through licensed National Long distance (NLD) Operator`s network. As per information provided by MTNL, the traffic between MTNL, Delhi and MTNL, Mumbai telecom service areas is being carried through BSNL network, which is a licensed NLD operator. In view of this, there is no violation of license conditions by MTNL and hence no further action is required to be taken by the Government.